WHEREAS, by Act of Congress dated June 14, 1777, the first official flag of the United States was adopted; and

WHEREAS, by Act of Congress dated August 3, 1949, June 14 of each year was designated as "National Flag Day;" and

WHEREAS, on December 8, 1982, the National Flag Day Foundation was chartered to conduct educational programs and to encourage all Americans to PAUSE FOR THE PLEDGE of Allegiance as part of National Flag Day ceremonies; and

WHEREAS, Flag Day celebrates our nation's symbol of unity, a democracy in a republic, and stands for our country's devotion to freedom and to equal rights for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of Rockville do hereby proclaim June 14, 2008, as **FLAG DAY** and urge all citizens of Rockville to pause at 7:00 p.m. on this date for the annual PAUSE FOR THE PLEDGE and recite with all Americans the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag and Nation.

Mayor Susan Hoffmann

Councilmember John B. Britton

Councilmember Phyllis Marcuccio

Councilmember Piotr Gajewski

Councilmember Anne M. Robbins